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Ecstasy Ring Broken

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on May 8, 2003, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a seven count indictment against Alexander Wade (DOB: September 6, 1971) of Phoenix, Arizona, Stephanie Cook (DOB: April 26, 1983) of Tempe, Arizona, Jeff Mavoides (DOB: November 9, 1968) of Phoenix, Arizona, Ryan Mallavia (DOB: May 3, 1972) of Phoenix, Arizona and Marvin Jermain Errol Burnet (DOB: February 5, 1975) of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

The indictment alleges that between September 1, 2001 and March 26, 2002, Alexander Wade, Stephanie Cook, Jeff Mavoides, Ryan Mallavia, Marvin Jermain Errol Burnet and others conspired to import into the United States Methylenedioxy-methamphetamine, also known as MDMA or Ecstasy. The indictment alleges that the ecstasy was obtained in Amsterdam, Netherlands and was subsequently imported into the United States through France and England.

The federal indictment charges the defendants with (1) conspiracy to import ecstasy in violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, Sections 963 and 952; (2) importation of ecstasy in violation of Title

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21 of the United States Code, Section 952; and, (3) attempted importation of ecstasy in violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, Sections 963 and 952.

A conviction for each count carries a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment, a \$ 1,000,000.00 fine, or both. Alexander Wade, Jeff Mavoides, Ryan Mallavia were arrested on May 9, 2003. They are scheduled to be arraigned before United States Magistrate Judge Lawrence O. Anderson at 3:00 p.m. on May 9, 2003.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs, formerly the United States Customs Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, French Customs Officials and the Central Narcotics Office of the French National Police.

The prosecution is being handled by David A. Pimsner, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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